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PATENT APPLICATION

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METHOD AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUMAGENDA FOR PERSONAL INTERVIEWCommissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicants submit this proposed agenda of items to be discussed at a personal interview.

A first Office Action was mailed on May 12, 2003. The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 5-7, and 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,815,704 to Shimotsuji.

Applicants believe that (1) the reference does not show a number of the features recited in the claims, (2) the Office Action fails to provide evidence of proper motivation to modify the reference, and (3) the proposed modification of the reference does not render the claimed invention obvious.

The Office Action rejects claims 4, 8 and 12 under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,815,704 to Shimotsuji in view of U.S. Patent 5,438,657 to Nakatani.

Applicants believe that (1) the applied references do not show the features recited in the claims, (2) the Office Action fails to provide evidence of proper motivation to modify the

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base reference in view of the secondary reference, and (3) the proposed modification of the reference does not render the claimed invention obvious.

Applicants wish to discuss and hopefully resolve these issues in the personal interview, which is requested to be held during the week of July 8-11.

Respectfully submitted,



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